(b) and (c) As per available records, the detail of proposals for gauge conversion received from State Government of Gujarat in the last few years and status is as under:

Sl. No.	Proposals	Action taken
1	Ahmedabad-Botad	Survey completed. Necessary action has
2	Dhasa-Jetalsar	been initiated to obtain requisite clearances.
3	Ahmedabad-Udaipur	
4	Dhasa-Veraval	No survey has been taken up.

Rise in passenger flow

736. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is maximum rise in the passenger flow between Northern and Eastern and North-Eastern Railways;

(b) if so, the details of increase in the last six years, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal for tripling the railway track in these Railways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Separate data on inter Railway flow of number of passengers is not maintained.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The tripling of lines has been taken up on Aligarh - Ghaziabad section to meet with demand of traffic. The dedicated freight corridor on Eastern Corridor will provide necessary capacity on this route towards Eastern and North Eastern sections.

Rail coach factory

737. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway coach building factories;

(b) the capacity of railways coach building factories;

(c) whether it is fact that railway coach factories have poor and low standard design talent; and

(d) the steps proposed to out-source design of coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Presently, there are two rail coach building factories under the Ministry of Railways, namely Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, Tamil Nadu; and Rail Coach Factory(RCF), Kapurthala, Punjab. Other than these, M/s. BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) Bangalore and M/s. Jessops, Kolkata, also manufacture railway coaches.